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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

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S I R :

This is in response to Paragraph No. 1 on page 2 of the July 9, 1999 Office Action. Submitted herewith is a red inked marked-up copy of the drawing sheet containing Fig. 73 wherein Fig. 73 is labelled as "Prior Art". A formal drawing including such change to Fig. 73 is enclosed. Please substitute the enclosed drawing sheet for the drawing sheet containing Fig. 73 as originally filed.

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Enclosure: red inked marked-up copy and formal drawing sheet  
which contains Fig. 73

FIG. 72

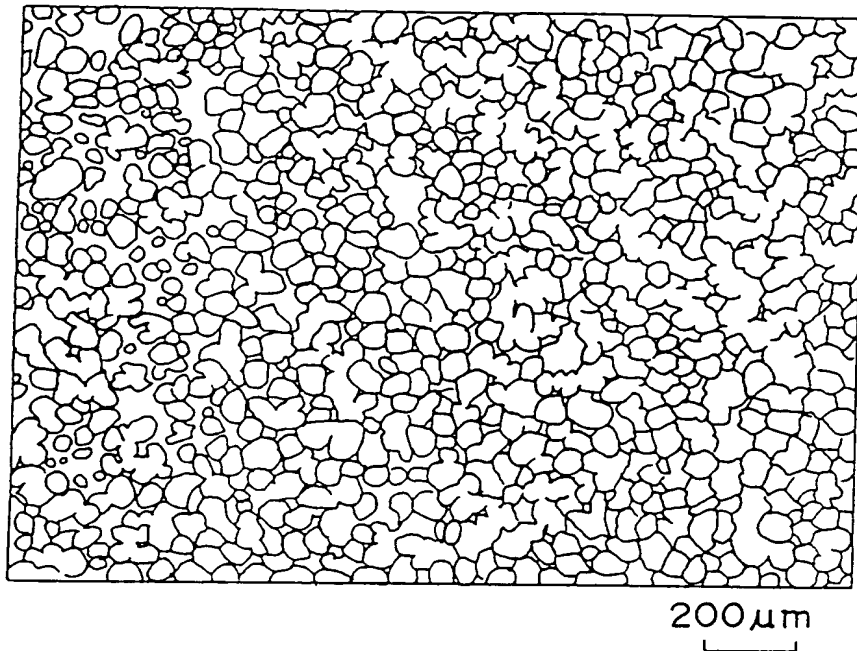


FIG. 73 Prior Art

